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RECENT MIDDLE EAST VISIT OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

JUMBE

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1. SUMMARY. TANGOV MINISTRY OF FINANCE OFFICIAL, WHEN
REVIEWING ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF RECENT MIDDLE EAST TOUR OF
VICE PRESIDENT JUMBE, EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS FIRST TIME
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TANGOV HAD SERIOUS DISCUSSION "OF AN ECONOMIC NATURE" WITH

THEIR HOSTS. CONSEQUENTLY, MEETINGS WERE EXPLORATORY IN CHARACTER AND, APART FROM KUWAIT AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, TANZANIA WILL NEED TO WAIT SEVERAL MONTHS (OR LONGER) BEFORE ANYTHING POSITIVE IN WAY OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FLOWS FROM MIDDLE EAST. MIFIN OFFICIAL OPINED THAT VISIT DOES OPEN COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES FOR US COMPANIES WILLING TO PUT PROJECTS TOGETHER WITH ARAB FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF REVIEWED ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 15 TOUR OF TANGOV FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ABOUD JUMBE (POLITICAL ASPECTS DISCUSSED IN REF A) WITH COMMISSIONER OF MONETARY AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MSHANGAMA). MSHANGAMA EXPLAINED JUMBE TRIP WAS MORE POLITICAL THAN ECONOMIC, BUT NOTED THAT THIS WAS FIRST TIME THAT TANGOV HAD OPENED SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON MATTERS "OF AN ECONOMIC NATURE" WITH ARAB COUNTRIES. ON PREVIOUS VISITS, EVEN AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, DISCUSSIONS HAD CENTERED AROUND AVAILABILITY OF MIDDLE EASTERN CRUDE FOR TANZANIAN AND SPECIAL PETROLEUM PRICE CONCESSIONS.

3. IN GENERAL, DISCUSSIONS MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MSHANGAMA HAD WITH ARABS WERE EXPLORATORY IN CHARACTER AND FEW SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WERE DISCUSSED. HE FOUND ARABS IN MOST CASES HAD ONLY VAGUE IDEA OF WHAT THEY WISHED TO DO IN THE WAY OF FINANCIAL ASSISTNACE IN AFRICA. THEY LACKED STAFF AND ORGANIZATION TO DEVELOP ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. IN SAUDI ARABIA, FOR EXAMPLE, MSHANGAMA JUDGED THAT USEFUL DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BE ABLE TO BE STARTED IN MARCH IF PLANS OF SAUDI GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROCEED AT PRESENT PACE. IN CASE OF COUNTRIES LIKE IRAQ, SYRIA AND EGYPT, IT WAS RECOGNIZED BY TRAVELERS THAT THESE COUNTRIES DO NOT HAVE SURPLUS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO LEND TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. MSHANGAMA WHEN ASKED WHY KUWAIT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN JUMBE ITINERARY REPLIED THAT CONVERSATIONS WITH KUWAITIS, WHICH BEGAN AT TIME OF IMF/IBRD MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, HAVE PROGRESSED SATISFACTORILY ENOUGH SO THAT VISIT BY VP NOT WARRANTED AT THIS TIME. HE INDICATED THAT TANGOV HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECEIVED CLEAR SIGNAL FROM KUWAIT THAT THEY ARE INTERESTED IN FINANCING PROJECTS IN TANZANIA. IN PURSUANCE OF KUWAITI ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, MINISTER OF FINANCE PLANS TO TRAVEL TO KUWAIT AROUND FEBRUARY TO MOVE EARLIER DISCUSSIONS FORWARD. OVER COURSE OF MIDDLE EAST TOUR UAE WAS ONLY COUNTRY VISITED ACCORDING TO MSHANGAMA, WHICH TANGOV DELEGATION THOUGHT MAY LEAD TO OFFER OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (SEE ALSO PARA 3 OF REF B).

5. TANGOV EXPECTING VISIT BY MULTI-NATIONAL DELEGATION IN FEBRUARY FROM UAE, SUDAN AND SOMALIA. GENESIS OF THIS VISIT COMES OUT OF RECENT ARAB SUMMIT WHERE IT WAS DECIDED THAT AFRICA WOULD BE BROKEN INTO FIVE REGIONS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPMENT AID ASSISTANCE, AND DELEGATIONS MADE UP OF DIFFERENT ARAB COUNTRIES WOULD VISIT THESE DIFFERENT REGIONS EARLY IN 1975. MSHANGAMA DESCRIBED THE VISIT AS LARGELY SURVEY MISSIONS WHICH WOULD REPORT BACK TO INTERESTED ARAB LEAGUE GOVERNMENTS REGARDING POSSIBLE ARAB AID PROGRAMS IN TANZANIA. FYI: MSHANGAMA DID NOT MENTION JANUARY VISIT DISCUSSED IN FINAL SENTENCE OF REF B'S PARA 4 (WHICH WE READ AFTER TALKING WITH MSHANGAMA). THEREFORE VISIT TO UAE MAY BE ADDED ON TO ITINERARY OF KUWAIT TRIP MENTIONED ABOVE.

6. MSHANGAMA ALSO REVIEWED UTILITY OF US EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICERS AND AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN WORKING IN CONCERT TO INDUCE MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES TO FINANCE PROJECTS IN TANZANIA. PAY OUT FOR US WOULD BE PROCUREMENT OF US GOODS AND SERVICES. THIS SEGMENT OF CONVERSATION REPORTED IN REF C.
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